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S. 1, Special Branch *Station* File No. Date June 27, 1941.SUBJECT: Hanza Emile Ezra

Hanza Emile EZRA, nee Teckler, was born at Lomachantzy, Rumania on November 20th, 1899. She first came to Shanghai in 1923, as far as is known and it is believed that she lived with Judah Ezra for some time in Shanghai.

In March, 1931, Judah Ezra, British, went from Shanghai to San Francisco, and was followed in 1933 by Hanza Teckler. They were married at San Francisco on March 9th, 1933. Six days later, on March 15th, 1933, Judah Ezra was arrested by the U.S.A. Federal Narcotic Squad and charged with the illegal importation and sale of narcotics.

Judah Ezra pleaded guilty to the charges and the U.S. Department of Labour ordered the deportation of Judah and Mrs. Ezra. The order re Judah Ezra was to become effective after he had served whatever sentence was imposed upon him. Mrs. Ezra was ordered to leave the U.S.A. immediately. She was, however, granted permission to remain until her husband was sentenced.

On September 23rd, 1933, Judah Ezra was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment and fined U.S. \$12,000. Immediately after sentence was passed, Mrs. Ezra stated to newspaper reporters that she would file an action for divorce within 10 days and upon the granting of an interlocutory

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decree, would sail for Shanghai.

On October 26th, 1933, the United Press at San Francisco quoted Mrs. Ezra as saying, "I still love him (Judah Ezra) and can't bring myself to start a divorce action. I will go to Shanghai and wait for him. Perhaps his sentence will be reduced when it is realized that it was very severe and that he will never engage in the business again. Perhaps we can start all over again and be happy." Mrs. Ezra sailed for Shanghai that day on the s.s. "Falstra" and arrived in Shanghai on November 29th, 1933.

Since 1933 Mrs. Ezra has been employed in the cosmetics business and also in the embroidery trade. Until about two months ago she was employed in the Broadway Mansions Beauty Parlour.

Mrs. Hanza Ezra is a British subject by marriage to Judah Ezra and she has registered at the British Consulate annually since 1935.

It is understood that she has been kept by Sgt. J.K. Vassilieff for some years.

Judah Ezra was released from prison in June or July, 1940, and he is now in Shanghai, his address being c/o The China Gold and Yarn Market, 102 Central Arcade. In a recent interview with H.B.M.'s. Passport Officer, Judah Ezra stated he was not living with his wife, Hanza Ezra, but

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he did not mention anything about a divorce.

There is no record at H.B.M. Consulate to substantiate Sgt. Vassilieff's statement that Mrs. Hanza Ezra is divorced.

S.M.P. records contain nothing detrimental with regard to Mrs. Hanza Ezra.

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E.474. EZRA, Judah -arrested in USA for drug smuggling 28/6.33.

D.8039A/41 EZRA, J. connected with Yung Sung Club, 184 Kong Ka Jau, Jessfield Rd
(Gambling den) 2.II.38